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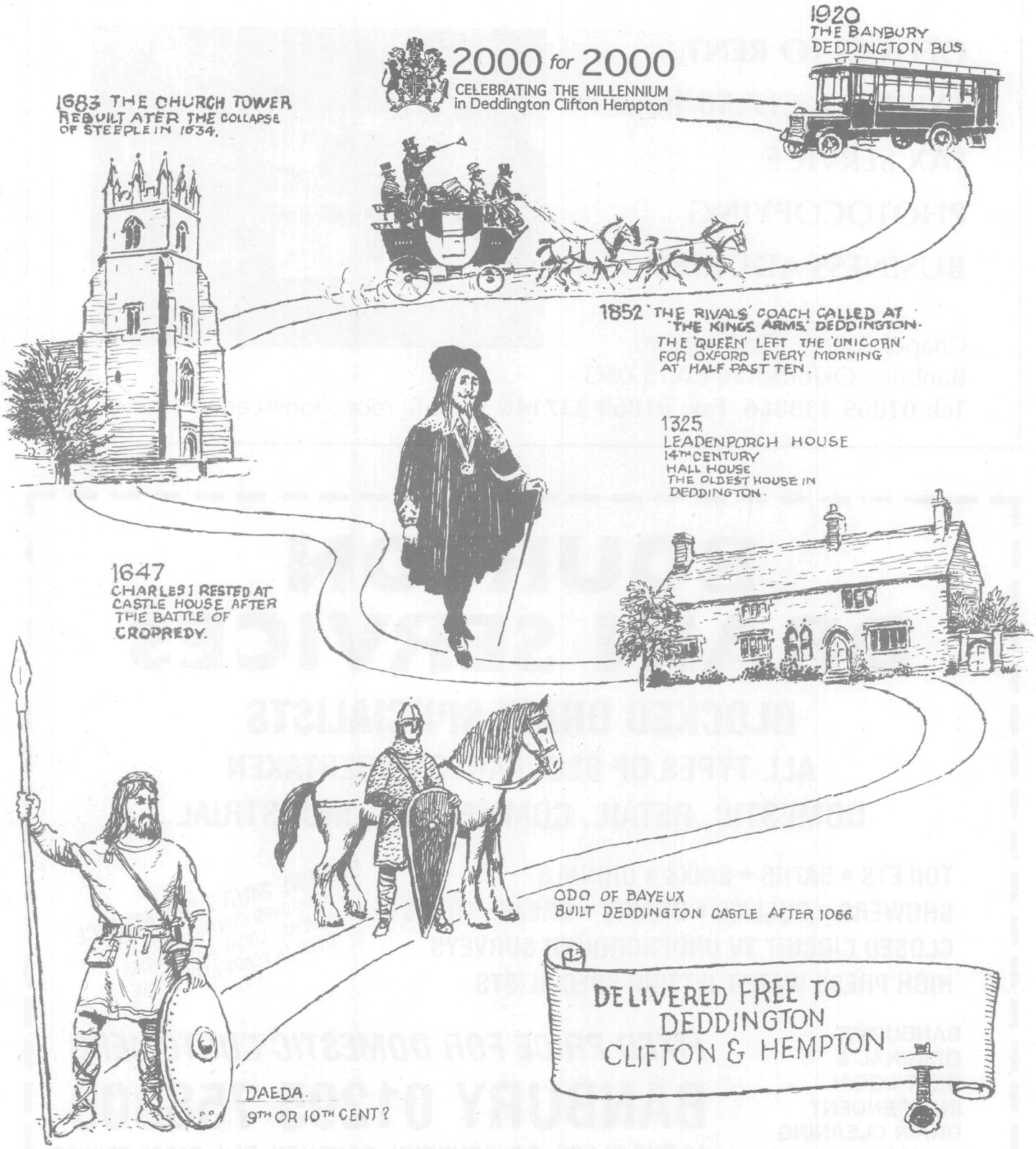

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Millennium Survey results

In late January 1999, 1660 questionnaires were delivered in the Parish to everyone over 18 on the electoral register. 463 were returned giving a response rate of 28%.

Millennium Legacy projects

- half the ideas suggested had support from residents to a varying degree. The ideas which received most support were purchasing the Library for perpetuity (51% net support); improving and completing the Deddington to Clifton footpath (42% net support); flower beds/benches in Market Place (32% net support); and converting the Town Hall into a museum of exhibition centre (26% net support) (Full results given in the table over the page)
- there was strong support for the Parish Council to provide substantial part of the funding for the chosen capital project (52% net support)
- in addition other comments on the returned questionnaires showed their was a need to better utilise and improve the facilities at the Windmill Centre; better use of other facilities in the parish ; and concerns about parking in Deddington Market Place and the need for a car park.

Activities for the Millennium Year

- eleven of the twelve ideas suggested for the year 2000 received overall support from respondents
- the Deddington Carnival (+66% net support); party for elderly people (+44% net support); Bonfire Night (+42% net support) were the most popular choices. (Full results given in table over page)

Millennium New Year weekend

- strong support for music under cover with food and drink on 31 December 1999 in the Market Place (+51% net support)
- strong support for Millennium Watch to help older people, disabled people, and those who are ill over the weekend - sixty people volunteered to help

Millennium Calendar

- 37% said they would buy additional copies of the Millennium Calendar for friends and family. The Calendar will be given to every household in the parish. Additional copies will be sold.

Recommendations

At its meeting on 17th March 1999 the Parish Council approved the following:

- creation of a Feasibility Working Group to explore ways of ensuring the long-term stability and use of the Library.
- using the results to put pressure on the Highways Department of Oxfordshire County Council to upgrade the Deddington to Clifton footpath
- asking the Deddington Gardeners to propose a design for the Market Place that incorporates benches and flower beds
- creation of a Feasibility Working Group to consider options for improving the usefulness of the Town Hall
- holding an Open meeting to discuss the possible programme of events for the year 2000, and in particular to start planning for the Carnival

Millennium Legacy projects - % figures

Rank	Option	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Don't know	Net Support
1	Purchase Deddington Library for perpetuity	66	15	15	4	+51%
2	Improve and complete Deddington to Clifton footpath	59	21	17	3	+42%
3	Flower beds/benches in Market Place	54	22	22	2	+32%
4	Concert Town Hall into Museum or exhibition centre	51	21	25	3	+26%
5	Erect bus shelter in the Market Place	47	18	33	2	+14%
6	Arts and craft centre for workshops and exhibitions	39	24	33	4	+6%
7=	Fitness trail/park benches at Windmill Centre	33	30	32	5	+1%
7=	Information board at Castle grounds	37	22	36	5	+1%
9	Build a swimming pool	44	11	44	1	0%
10	Play/picnic areas in Clifton and Hempton	32	31	33	4	-1%
11	Memento for school	27	35	32	6	-5%
12	Build lavatories in Market Place	39	13	46	2	-7%
13	Build a castle themed play and picnic area	30	23	43	4	-13%
14	Build land for Parish use	22	31	41	6	-19%
15	Twinning with villages in other countries	18	24	55	3	-37%
16	Buy a house for Windmill centre steward	11	14	71	4	-60%

(Note: Net support = Agree minus disagree figures)

Activities for the Millennium Year - % figures

Rank	Idea	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Don't know	Net support
1	Deddington Carnival (including school fete)	73	18	7	2	+66%
2	Party for elderly people	53	33	11	3	+44%
3	Deddington Bonfire night Including school)	57	26	15	5	+39%
4	Completion of a Parish Conservation Plan	51	32	12	5	+39%
5	Family Parish sports day at Windmill Centre	46	37	14	3	+32%
6	Flower show	45	37	16	2	+29%
7=	Dance, drama, art and craft weekend	44	38	16	2	+28%
7=	May Dance	42	40	14	4	+28%
9	Family summer picnic at Daeda's wood	43	38	18	1	+25%
10	Treasure Hunt around the villages	39	40	17	4	+22%
11	Millennium Quiz night	36	42	19	3	+17%
12	Village dog-walking day	17	39	38	6	-21%

(Note: Net support = Agree minus disagree figures)

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EDITORIAL

The Parish Council asked for the March 24th Open Meeting with CDC Representatives on our behalf. About 180 of us turned up. Did we go away wiser ? Were we reassured ? Read Norman Stone's report. I'd like to emphasise two points in the Editorial. If we want any say in the future development of the Parish we need to keep writing to CDC with our views. Passivity, shoulder-shrugging and silence will get us nowhere. My second point concerns quality of life - hard to define and therefore probably not high on any planners' list of essentials. I've lived in communities around the world. Deddington is a minor miracle. The Parish is large enough to be viable, to sustain variety, small enough to exemplify the true meaning of community. We interact, we unobtrusively help each other. Any aggressive enlargement of population not only puts a strain on local resources and infrastructure (eloquently argued at the Meeting) but puts at risk those qualities that make Deddington a success. We become a large, incoherent structure, fulfilling national quotas no doubt, but thereby diminished - as has happened to so many communities elsewhere. Such development benefits no-one, neither young nor old, neither long-term residents nor newcomers. This is not nimbyism, just hard-headed realism.
Meanwhile. This month's 'inserts' are of particular interest. The Millennium Working Group has produced an analysis summary of their Millennium Survey Questionnaire. The Deddington Map Group circulates the fourth of its excellent leaflets and Deddington and area Churches have combined to send a joint Easter card. The Good Neighbour Group update appears in this issue (an aspect of quality of life), co-ordinated as usual by Jean Flux. And we have a vivid picture of the 19th century Clifton farmer's daughter (The Way We Were) who was observed in church to be 'saucily inclined'. Kristin Thompson

Fridays	*Coffee mornings in aid of Katharine House, Parish Church, 10 -12.*
Fridays	*Babies and Toddlers Group, Windmill Centre, 9.30 - 11.30 am*
Fridays	*British Legion, Bingo at 8 pm.*
APRIL DIARY	
Wed 7	Friendship Club: Bring a painted egg. Hot Cross Buns, Windmill Centre, 2.30 pm. (p 5)
Wed 7	Deddington Ladies, Holly Tree, 8 pm.
Mon 12	Monday Morning Club Coffee Morning, (delayed for Easter), Holly tree, 10 am – noon. (p 4)
Tue 13	WI: Peter Bennett, Chiropractor, *Looking After Your Back*, Holly Tree, 7.30 pm. (p 4)
Wed 14	Deddington History Society: J Steane, *Evolution of Deddington Townscape*, Windmill , 7.30 pm.
Sat 17	Mobile Police Station in Market Place, 10 am – noon.
Sat 17	PTA: Quiz Night, Windmill Centre, 7.30 pm – 11pm. (p 3)
Tue 20	**COPY DATE FOR MAY DEDDINGTON NEWS**
Tue 20	Deddington Gardeners: Visit to Wisley & Vernon Geranium Nursey. (p 5)
Wed 21	Friendship Club: Dennis & Margaret Bagot , *Holidays,* Windmill Centre, 2.30 pm. (p 5)
Wed 21	Parish Council Meeting, Town Hall, 7.30 pm.
Wed 28	WI: Line Dancing, Windmill Centre, 7.30 pm, £1 50. (p 4)
MAY DIARY	
Tue 4	Clifton Residents' Group AGM, Duke of Cumberlands Head, 8pm. (p 12)
Wed 5	Friendship Club: Trip to Frogmore House and Gardens, Windsor.
Wed 5	Deddington Ladies, Holly Tree, 8 pm.
Fri 7	Deddington Gardeners: Three Counties Gardening Show,Malvern.(p 5)
Mon 10	Monday Morning Club Coffee Morning (delayed because of Bank holiday), Holly Tree, 10am-noon.

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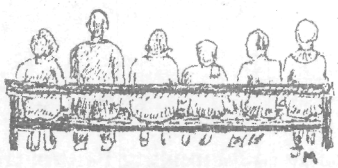

Note of meeting 17 March 1999

Attended by Cllrs Flux (chair), Church, Clarke, Cosgrove, Cox, Fisher, Harper, Hill, Newey, Todd, the Clerk, D/Cllr O'Sullivan and 5 members of the public.

10-MINUTE OPEN FORUM

Mr James Garrett, The Bothy, The Grove, Deddington, said his planning application to convert a garage to living room would not involve loss of parking space because the so-called garage is not, and never has been, big enough to take a car [see PLANNING, below].

LOW COST HOUSING

Project further delayed because the Housing Association will not pay legal fees demanded by CDC and its solicitors. PC to protest and put pressure on all concerned, especially CDC at the public meeting on 24 March (see below). The media will be there.

CHERWELL LOCAL PLAN REVIEW - HOUSING IN RURAL AREAS

The parish urgently needs low-cost housing but not developments which would lead to increased pressure on transport, the school and the utilities, as well as affecting the environment and the (still) rural character. These points will be put by the PC at a public meeting on 24 March, which Cllr Flux will chair. CDC will be guest speakers, taking part in the discussion and answering questions on the proposals to develop 7 sites in Deddington (see February's *Deddington News*).

'A' BOARDS IN THE MARKET PLACE

Proliferation of 'A' boards advertising restaurants and other businesses causes problems - reflection of sunlight into motorists' eyes, blocking sightlines - and spoils the character of the Market Place. Signs to be reduced in number and repositioned.

PLANNING

PC withdrew objection to:

Proposal to convert a garage into living accommodation at The Bothy, The Grove. No parking would be lost because none existed.

PC no objection to:

(i) 41 St John's Way, Hempton - extension.
(ii) Ilbury Farm - erection of carport and workshop. (iii) 49 Gaveston Gardens - extension/conservatory.

CDC approved:

Coniston House, New Street, Deddington - new rooflights and pinning of front elevation.

TRAFFIC CALMING

Traffic flows have been carefully monitored at 6 different places - Earls Lane, Hempton, Clifton, St Thomas Street, Hempton Road and High St/ New St. Costed recommendations will now be brought forward for action.

NEWS IN BRIEF

- 'Children Crossing' sign near school needs replacing. Highways Authority informed.
- Rubbish bin to be installed in lay-by near Home Farm, Clifton, and regularly emptied.
- PC renewed annual subscription to CPRE, at a cost of £17.50.
- CDC circular walk leaflet should be ready after Easter. Mr & Mrs Spenceley were thanked for their work.
- Deddington Naturalists to receive £300 grant for hedgerow studies.

THE MILLENNIUM

By invitation, Mr Roger Sykes presented results of research conducted through the Millennium Survey questionnaire, seeking views of all parish residents over 18 on possible Millennium projects and activities (see Millennium Survey Research Results insert in this issue of the *News*). Feasibility studies and other tests will now be carried out by working groups, leading to costed recommendations for action. PC's function is to act as enabler. The prize draw for Sunday lunch for two at The Deddington Arms was won by Elizabeth Reed of Deddington.

INVESTMENT OF PARISH FUNDS

Total £569,329.94 of which £500,000 Bradford & Bingley @ 5.65% variable; £60,000 Treasury stock @ 4.5% fixed; £6,592.98 @ 2.625% on 14 days; £2,021.73 + £715.23 @ 1.75% overnight.

In the absence of adequate information from Bradford & Bingley, councillors found it difficult to come to a decision on demutualisation, which some opposed on principle. PC then voted 6:3 in favour.

UNICORN INN

Change of licence from David Bass to Mark Lapworth and Pauline Little.

KATHARINE HOUSE HOSPICE

In recognition of the importance of Katharine House in our community, PC donated £500.

GRASS CUTTING

Design-Gro, in competition with County Services, won contracts for the Castle Grounds and Windmill Centre. Mr John Boss, who was the only tenderer, was awarded the contract for village green areas.

NEXT MEETINGS (all on Wednesday)

21 April Parish Council, Town Hall, 7.30pm.
12 May Annual Parish Meeting, Windmill Centre, 7.30pm.
19 May PC AGM, Windmill Centre, 7.30pm

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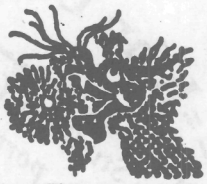

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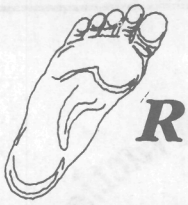

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SCHOOL NEWS

One of the nicest features of the School is the practical support we receive from members of the community. We were very grateful to Philip Allan Publishers and Paul Castle Consultancy who generously sponsored books on personal safety, which have been distributed to the children. Our PTA is well supported, too. They have used funds on new benches and litter bins for the playground. Parents and friends have also dipped into their pockets to sponsor the children who took part in a "Readathon". This was one of our contributions to the National Year of Reading, and has raised over £600, shared between the school and Horton Hospital Children's Ward.

It was good to see so many children in church on Mothering Sunday. Our small presentation seemed to be well-received. Two days earlier the school was awash with red Noses as children collected money for Comic Relief.

We have enjoyed taking part in a range of sports events, including an Indoor Athletics afternoon organised by the Warriner Partnership, the Banbury Area Netball Tournament (we came 7th out of 17 schools) and a football match with Hardwick Primary, which we won 3-2 in torrential rain.

PETER GORINGE 338430

...and from the PTA

???Questions??? Don't forget to join us at our annual **Quiz Night** on **Saturday, April 17, 7.30pm - 11pm at the Windmill Centre.** Tickets are **£4 per person** and include a **hot supper**. Tickets can be bought at Barford and Deddington Post Offices or at the School Office. Teams can be of any size but please give yourselves a name ! Raffle prize donations, according to team size, are also gratefully received. We look forward to seeing you there ! RACHEL TEARE 337077

NORTH OXFORDSHIRE ARTWEEK MAY 15 - 23 1999

Preparations are going very well. We now have over thirty entrants. Arts and Crafts Deddington are entering as a Community Enterprise this year. Though all the exhibits will be seen in Deddington, exhibitors come from the surrounding villages as well.

County Councillor Norman Matthews and District Councillor Paul O'Sullivan have very kindly agreed officially to open the Artweek at the Town Hall on Saturday, May 15 at 11a.m.

We are looking for volunteers for:

1. Stewarding in the Town Hall - 11 a.m. - 6 p.m. every day. 2. Serving coffee at the Holly Tree Club - 11a.m - 12.30 p.m. evey day. 3. Serving teas at the Holly Tree Club - 2.30 p.m. - 5.30 p.m. every afternoon. 4. Making fairy cakes.

If anyone can help for an hour or two, perhaps in pairs or as a group, it would be a tremendous help to our village enterprise. Please telephone me if you are interested. PEGGY BAKER 01869 338576

GLEANINGS FROM THE PAST - DEANERY AND PARISH MAGAZINES 1879 -1900 by RUTH JOHNSON

Our three Parishes celebrated Queen Victoria's 60th Jubilee in 1897 with much good feeling, loyalty and due honour. Many would never forget the happy day and tell their children, as yet unborn, all about it. In S/S Peter and Paul Church Her Majesty's Jubilee was marked by a stained glass East Window.

ENTERTAINMENT. Deddington, then as now, excelled in providing splendid entertainment for the parishioners by the parishioners. Musical and dramatic events, always reported as being packed out, were favourites and performed in schoolroom, church or private residence. In 1886 the Deddington Detachment of the 2nd Oxfordshire Rifles held a Fete and Dance on a grand scale in aid of funds for the provision of new targets. The Company's own band played a selection of music for the dancing in the evening. Village outings became a yearly event. Nobody seemed to mind catching a 4 am. train from Aynho Station, making for the sea, enjoying a boat trip and returning in the early hours of the next day. The formidable Church Choir of S/S Peter and Paul attended the yearly Royal School of Church Music Festivals, acquitting themselves very well. In 1899 the Castle Grounds site was taken over by an enterprising body of parishioners for a recreation ground and the Cricket Club was re-started. Fetes and bazaars are recorded in great detail in the earlier magazines, with the proceeds going to various good causes. (The Day School children subscribed 12s /10½d towards a children's cot in the Radcliffe Infirmary.)

From February 1899, Deddington had its own Library, lending out books at ½d a volume.

***WHAT* CIRCULAR WALK ?** In case you've noticed the odd sign that has materialised on gateposts and telegraph poles around the Parish - yes, the Deddington Circular Walk is finally almost a reality. It will be No. 7 in the Cherwell District Council's series of walks and a leaflet (and remaining waymarks) should be available by the time the May DN is out. GEORGE AND SYLVIE SPENCELEY

CALLING ALL CLUBS

Please notify any last minute changes in Club programmes to both Club and Diary Editors

DEDDINGTON BROWNIES This term the older Brownies have been taking their First Aid Badge under the expert tuition of Maggie Rampley. At this popular course Brownies learn how to do artificial respiration on a dummy and to cope with simple accidents. We are most grateful to Maggie for giving up her time. A number of Brownies have also been working on the World Guiding Badge which is just about finished now. As a pack we have been to our District's Thinking Day party (when we remember Brownies all over the world and collect a little money for the less fortunate), and to church on Mothering Sunday. The over-nines went to London to see the Changing of the Guard and visit the Guide Heritage Centre, and the term ended with a chocolate evening.
The summer term starts on April 13. We have a few places for new members; it is very helpful to know in advance whom to expect. Many thanks to those who leave washed tinfoil or aluminium cans at my house. The tinfoil goes to Guide Dogs for the Blind and the cans are collected for Oxfordshire Guides.
VIVIEN PLEYDELL-BOUVERIE 338269

RAINBOW GUIDES I hope to start a new Rainbow Guide unit in Deddington this September. Rainbows are the youngest section of the Guide movement, for girls aged 5 and 6. I have a number of years experience in the Guide Movement, previously running a Brownie Pack. To start a Rainbow unit I would require at least two helpers; no experience necessary, but must be over 18. Interested? Ring me for a chat.
KATRINA HAMBIDGE 01608-683327

DEDDINGTON GUIDES This Spring term has gone by so quickly - with lighter evenings we're looking forward to getting out of doors again and enjoying cook-outs, hikes and camping. Through the winter months we have kept very busy with badge work amongst other things. The Patrols have had a lot of fun organising their own activities, usually resulting in getting very sticky one way or another.
Our Thinking Day ceremony gave us a chance to consider how our sister guides live and what their meetings might be like around the world. We lit a candle in remembrance of Mrs. Jean Ward who died recently. Mrs. Ward founded this guide company over 20 years ago, providing so many girls with the opportunity to have fun, become good citizens and care for other people and the world around them. Most of the guides are going to the London Heritage Centre with others from the District. The rest will help me run the cake stall for group funds. Don't miss Snow White and the however-many-dwarves! - this year's extravaganza put on by the guides in aid of charity. **MAGGIE RAMPLEY 01295-810069**

DEDDINGTON W I Our AGM proved a most pleasant evening. The business was conducted efficiently, followed by an Auction of varied items, both interesting and useful. We finished with cheese and wine and an entertaining quiz.
April starts our new season. Beginning with Mr. P. Bennett, a Chiropractor, on *Taking care of your Back*, the 1999/2000 programme is now complete with talks ranging from *Family Origins* to *Wildlife*, as well as outings and members' evenings. On April 28, we have another Line Dance evening, 7.30 pm at the Windmill; entrance £1.50 and everyone welcome. If you wish to know more about us please contact one of us - we shall be delighted to hear from you. **RENE MAHONY 338438 SHIRLEY GIBBS 338784**

DEDDINGTON YOUTH CLUB On March 8 we held our AGM of the Management Committee and the existing officers were re-elected. Members attending evenings are remaining constant at about 20 per meeting. As the evenings become lighter we hope to do more outside sport using the all-weather court, and to plan some outings.
A contribution towards the Millennium is being discussed - possibly a video and photographs of Parish activities, through the eyes of younger people. There will be an Easter break from April 5, starting again on April 19.
GAY BREWER 338097

DEDDINGTON AND DISTRICT HISTORY SOCIETY The society's March meeting was devoted to an illustrated lecture by Sally Stradling on the buildings of this area. Sally made the event particularly relevant and instructive by illustrating her general points about vernacular architecture with material drawn almost entirely from our own locality. Moreover, her excellent slides revealed many details that even those of us who boast a keen eye or long acquaintance with the place had to admit to overlooking. We shall look with a better educated eye in future.
At our next meeting on Wednesday, April 14, John Steane, the noted archaeologist and landscape historian, and author of the Pimlico *History of Oxfordshire* will talk about *The Evolution of the Deddington Townscape*. As always everyone is welcome.
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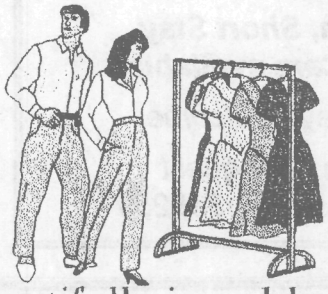

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CALLING ALL CLUBS contd.

FRIENDSHIP CLUB Members and visitors all enjoyed A. Myerscough Bell's talk about her recent return to South Africa where she had lived for 35 years; she shared many memories, happy and sad. Have you ever painted an Easter egg? Wednesday, April 7 is your chance to have a go and bring your efforts for all to see. Hot cross buns will be served. The programme for April 21 has been changed: Dennis and Margaret Bagot will be talking on *Holidays*. **I.M. ROBINSON 338636**

DEDDINGTON ROYAL BRITISH LEGION An era ended on March 3 when our president for eight years, Arthur Lewis, stepped down after supporting the branch and club for 40 years. His hard work has helped to ensure the continuation of our activities of Remembrance and our Harvest Festival. We shall make a formal presentation soon and send Joan and Arthur our very best wishes. John Spencer has taken over the presidency.

The Club welcomes Claire Prow as its first lady committee member We do have further vacancies on the committee for anyone who feels they could make a positive contribution towards keeping the club going. All suggestions for entertainments and other events are welcome.

The club's financial position was made clear to all at the AGM. Annual trading losses for many years have significantly eroded the club's capital, built up long ago when the pattern of social relaxation was different. All present endorsed the committee's recommendation to sell the land at the back of the club for the best possible sum in order to restock our coffers. This sale is now proceeding with the very generous assistance of Rodney Hayward and his team at Hayward and White. Meanwhile the club will continue to be staffed by volunteers.

We need your help more than ever if the club is to keep running. It has been an asset to Deddington since the 1920s and it would be tragic if it disappeared after all these years for lack of support. Why not give Norman's popular Bingo sessions a try? Friday evenings at 8. pm. **PHIL CHARD 338786**

DEDDINGTON TOWN FOOTBALL CLUB

1st Team results

Kings Sutton(a)	Won 3-1	G. Shawyer(2), D. Churchill
Kings Sutton(h) (Dave Wood Cup)	Won 3-0	M.Hewitt(2), M.Cadd
Broughton & North Newington(h) (Benevolent Cup)	Lost 1-2	M.Hewitt
Tysoe(a)	Won 1-0	M.Cadd

Two fine League victories have put the team in a strong position to claim the runners-up spot in the Premier Division. A good performance against Kings Sutton has also helped the team through to the semi-finals of the Dave Wood Cup. The only disappointment was the defeat against an in-form Broughton side.

Reserve Team results

Wroxton Res(h)	Drew 3-3	P.Lewis, P.Waller, J.Watkins
Hornton Res(a)	Won 4-1	P.Jones(3), D.Keys
Broughton & North Newington Res(a)	Lost 1-5	D.Keys
Cropredy Res(h) (Geoff Wilson Cup)	Lost 0-4	

The reserve side started the month well but tailed off badly. A great comeback against Wroxton was completed with goalkeeper Jason Watkins scoring the equaliser. The best performance of the season came against Hornton: a Paul Jones hat trick helped secure victory. The other two games are best forgotten! **STEVE PLUMBE (01295)-278258**

MONDAY MORNING CLUB The bus for Bletchley Park leaves the Market Place, 10 am. on May 15. The April coffee morning at the Holly Tree has been moved to April 12 because of Easter, and the May one to May 10 because of the Bank Holiday. You still have time to get a ticket for *Volpone* in Stratford on June 2. I last saw this in Stratford, Ontario - a superb production. **JEAN FLUX 338153**

DEDDINGTON GARDENERS *Two* trips on offer this time! We hope to have enough people (over 12) to make our minibus hire viable. 1) Tuesday, 20 April. A combined visit to Wisley and the Vernon Geranium Nursery. We meet at the Market Place, 9.15am , back at about 5.30pm (M25 permitting!). The bus will cost £12.50, but the Nursery is free, as is Wisley to RHS Member. 2) Friday, 7 May. Another visit to the Three Counties Spring Gardening Show, Malvern. This was very successful last year. Times and coach cost, the same as for Vernons. Group entry price is £8.50 (£8 for RHS Members).Please phone me *as soon as possible* if you would like to come to either. **ELIZABETH TOTHILL 338186**

DEDDINGTON PLAYERS We shall be holding our AGM at the Windmill Centre on Tuesday, May 18 at 8pm. Please turn out in in force. **JEAN FLUX 338153**

CALLING ALL CLUBS contd.

DEDDINGTON CRICKET CLUB Starting with the bad news: our attempt to get a lottery grant for much needed equipment has been turned down. We are considering our position regarding another bid based on the detailed feedback we got from the Sports Council Lottery Fund.

Nets are at Spiceball on Sunday mornings. Remaining dates are April 11, 18 and 25. We have three nets, one exclusively for juniors; start time 10.30 am. The Junior section is runing three teams this year: U-15 on Monday evening, U-13 and U-11 on Sundays. Team Managers are Andy Heywood, Vic Topliesek and Derek Cheeseman respectively. Outdoor training will start when the weather gets better so don't hold your breath.

Anyone interested in getting involved with the club at any level is very welcome. Last but not least, the indoor league team won their first game since 1996 last month. **MICK MERRICK 338876**

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PUBLIC MEETING ON LOCAL HOUSING

About 180 people went to church in Deddington on Wednesday, 24 March, to discuss housing policy with CDC planning officials Nigel Evans and Sharon Whiting. They explained that in accordance with government guidelines and the Oxfordshire Structure Plan, CDC is now required to provide an extra 350 houses on rural, allocated sites in the 15 largest villages of Cherwell district, by 2011, an average of 23 extra houses per village. In Deddington, developers Swiss Ré identified 3 possible sites, and CDC added 4 more.

PC Chairman Jim Flux led a lively question and answer session. Here are the main points.

1. The School is already full to bursting, and does not have enough permanent classroom capacity even for the present school roll.
2. The Health Centre is already overstretched, with doctors under great pressure.
3. Traffic in Earls Lane is already a hazard. An increase in School and Health Centre usage would put children and old people seriously at risk.
4. Water pressure is already low in parts of the parish, and increased demand would worsen the position. Similarly, sewage and drainage provision - already inadequate - would be at serious risk of breakdown.
5. Increase in demand for parking would turn an already difficult situation into an intolerable one.
6. The rural character of the village has been eroded in recent years - 300 new houses since the 1991 count of about 680. Further erosion would alter the character irrevocably.
7. The only new building acceptable to the village would be low-cost housing on infill sites. Mr Evans said dwellings on infill sites would not count towards his target of 350. Why not?
8. When permission was granted for the recent Gaveston Gardens development, the parish was assured that the site would not be extended. The new proposals include a site to the north of, and next to, Gaveston Gardens, which would adversely affect the setting of the Conservation Area. (The same is true of other sites.) An indication from the planners that access to this site might be via a roundabout in the Banbury Road did not go down well.
9. The former airfield at Upper Heyford is a brownfield site, for which CDC has allocated 1,000 houses and no more. Why not more - perhaps 350 more?
10. Developers have a record of obtaining permission for a scheme that seems to accommodate local needs, but is later altered to become more commercial - for example Gaveston Gardens was to have been a mix of 65 x 2-5 bedroom houses but is actually a development of 40 x 4-5 bedroom houses.
11. Identifying many more sites than are required to meet the target encourages speculative developers to try their luck. Indeed, a couple of dozen inquiries have already been made about the Deddington sites.
12. Government planning policy is about to change. A new planning policy document, published the day before the meeting, shifts the emphasis from greenfield sites in rural areas to urban brownfield sites, particularly those that are unused, unoccupied, abandoned or derelict. The Cherwell planners had not read the document and therefore took no account of it.

What to do

A. CDC officials want to know what the village thinks. Make sure they do. Write to the Head of Development & Property Services, Cherwell District Council, Bodicote House, Bodicote, Banbury, Oxon, OX15 4AA, as soon as possible and in any case before mid April 1999.

B. A Local Housing Draft Review will be issued by CDC for consultation early in 2000. If not satisfied, you have a statutory right to object.

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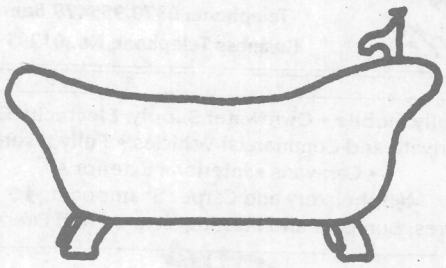

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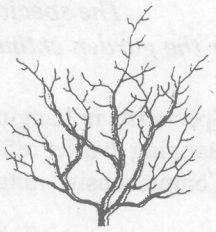

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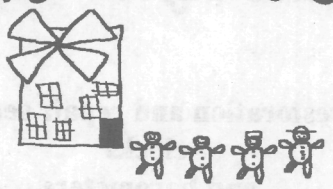

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Wed 7 10am Holy Communion.
Sat 10 12.30pm Marriage of David Christopher Humphreys and Sally Rebecca Morris.
Sun 11 10.30am Sung Eucharist. **Wed 14** 10am Holy Communion.
Sun 18 8am Holy Communion (BCP). 10.30am Sung Mattins (BCP). **Wed 21** 10am Holy Communion.
Sun 25 10.30am Sung Eucharist.
Wed 28 10am Holy Communion followed by Service of Healing. 11.15am Holy Communion at Featherton House.
Thu 29 3.15pm Holy Communion in St Anne's Home, Clifton.
Sun 2 May 10.30am Family Service (No Communion).
April Services (St John, Hempton).
Sat 3 Easter Eve 11.30pm Vigil, Service of Light with new fire and first Eucharist of Easter.
Sun 18 9am Eucharist.
Thu 22 7.30pm Evening Service with the Rt Rev Richard Harries, Bishop of Oxford, to mark the official opening of kitchen extension to church hall.
Sun 25 6pm Evensong (BCP). **Sun 1 May** 9am Eucharist.

Bible Study Groups.
There will be a meeting of the group led by Mrs P. Ridd on Monday 12 April at 2pm in 15 Grove Court. Wednesday evening Bible Study meetings will resume fortnightly starting on 7 April. 7.30 for 8pm. One group will meet at 2 The Leyes and the other at "Boulderdyke", Clifton. If you would like to attend, please contact Bill Dickinson (337050).
Friday Club in Deddington School will meet in the School hall at 3.15pm beginning Friday 16 April.
Annual Parochial Meeting. Tuesday 6 April, 7.30pm at Deddington Primary School. Election of Churchwardens, Deanery Synod representatives, members of the PCC and Sidespeople. We shall consider the Annual Report and Annual Statement of Accounts. Special speaker: Rev Glyn Evans, Rural Chaplain, speaking on "Rural Issues". All welcome.
Confirmation - last call! Adult meetings are on Monday evenings, from 12 April in Barford Methodist Chapel, 8pm. Meetings for young people, Saturday mornings, from10 April, at 2, Robins Close, Barford St Michael. If you would like to prepare for Confirmation, please advise the Vicar as soon as possible.
Coffee morning with Bring and Buy in aid of the homeless and Church maintenance will be held in Deddington Parish Church on Saturday 17 April 10.30am - 12 noon. Please give this your support.
Prayer support for Hazel Scarr, our ordinand. There will be a special evening of prayers in Hempton Church on Thursday 29 April starting at 7.30pm.
FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS:
BAPTISM: 14 March in Deddington: RUBY ELIZABETH CHAMBERLAIN.
WEDDING: 6 March in Hempton: RAYMOND PHILIP FAURE and TESSA MONTAGUE.
INTERMENT OF ASHES: 3 March: FRANCES MARGARET IRENE SPENGLER.
MEMORIAL SERVICE AND INTERMENT OF ASHES: 11 March in Deddington: HILDA BESSIE EVANS.
FUNERALS: 10 March in Deddington Church: FLORENCE LILIAN HARPER, aged 86 years.
26 March in Deddington Church: CHARLES WILLIAM SYKES, aged 86 years.
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TRIBUTES:
FLORENCE LILIAN HARPER, aged 86 years.
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HILDA BESSIE EVANS, aged 96 years.
Hilda was born in Chertsey, Surrey, then the family moved to Wakehurst Place, Sussex, where her father was head gardener. After school, she was apprenticed as a dressmaker to Harvey Nicholls. Later she became a personal maid to a Worcestershire family where she met Albert. The family moved to Oxfordshire in 1947 and to Deddington in 1953. After Albert's death, Hilda moved to the Holly Tree Cottages. She had a firm Christian faith, regularly worshipped in the Parish Church and was much involved with the floral decorations. We extend sympathy to Raymond and his family. KEN REEVES
CHARLES SYKES' obituary will appear in the next Deddington News.

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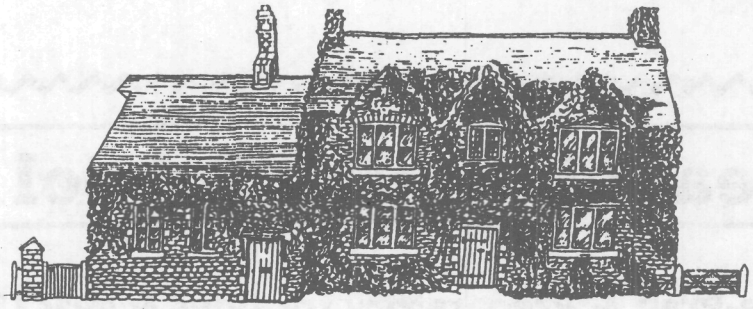

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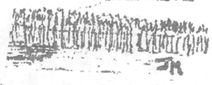

At the time of writing, lambing is well under way with about 80 ewes left to go. Most of the ewes with lambs are now out at grass but they still need to be hand-fed as the grass on the meadows is only just starting to grow, so I hope that the weather will soon start to warm up. The lambing has gone very well this year without too many problems to sort out, but the actual lambing is only the start of the story and a lot can and will go wrong between now and when they are ready for market. And as with all agricultural products the market prospects are very poor. The farm gate prices for meat and grain are now well below the cost of production. The primary food producing industry of this country is now subsisting on subsidies and grants, with most farmers hanging on in the hope that things will get better.

The proposed cuts in the CAP budget will hit the UK farming industry hard and will not reduce the cost of your weekly food shopping. All it will do is to increase the profit margins for the large retail outlets. Where all this will get us, only time will tell. We have a government that seems to think it can buy votes by pandering to the whims of the urban Luddites who want to destroy the rural way of life by turning a large part of the countryside into a public park with controls that will make it almost impossible to farm, and so increase the need to import even more food from a world that cannot feed itself. Oh well, what is the use of shouting at the wind? Perhaps I should rename this article 'Ramblings from the Lambing Shed'. GEORGE FENEMORE 338203

THE WAY WE WERE **Deddington 150 years ago** by Buffy Heywood

Extracts from the diaries of the Rev. Cotton Risley for March 1849:

17th MARCH - The confirmation took place. The Bishop drove up to the door and took me into his carriage with the Archdeacon up to the Church - where I presented the Souldern and Gt. Barford catechumens at the Altar. The Bishop delivered a most beautiful, simple and heartstirring address to the assembled catechumens, who were not so well behaved as heretofore - one girl was rejected and two others reproved for their levity in the Church before going up to the Altar. Between 300 and 400 I believe were confirmed - from this place and hamlets, Souldern, Steeple Aston, North Aston, Duns Tew, Upper Heyford and Great and Little Barford. We adjourned to the Vicarage afterwards for a short time from the Church, to luncheon, where I had not intended to go on account of the Vicar's recent strange conduct towards me, but at the request of the Bishop I consented to be present.

21st MARCH - Prayers at 11 o'clock - after I was in my pew the Sexton came to ask me to read prayers again for Mr. Brogden, which I did.

23rd MARCH - A Clifton farmer came to talk over the affair of his daughter not having been confirmed on Saturday last by the Bishop. Explained to him that she was in fault for not answering the Bishop when he spoke to her at the altar rail and asked if she was sorry for the manner in which she conducted herself previously in the Church - but she made no answer and seemed by her conduct on the way to the altar, to persons who observed her, to be saucily inclined - tossing and shaking her head as it were in defiance and indifference. The man went away I think pretty well satisfied with the Bishop's conduct, tho' he had felt before very angry with his Lordship.

26th MARCH - I heard from Mr. Potts about the County Advertisements being permitted by the Magistrates to appear in future in the Banbury Guardian and asking to vote in favour of such a proposition at the ensuing Sessions.

27th MARCH - the constable of Westcott Barton came with another case of drunkenness and being disorderly - fine of 5/-d. or so many hours in the stocks if not paid on Saturday at 12 o'clock.

28th MARCH - Talked over with Mr. Brogden the subject of a chapel to be built at Clifton.

IN MEMORY OF JOHN GODDARD

On the afternoon of Saturday, February 27, Sue Goddard and her family, friends, members of the Parish Council and the Revd. Ken Reeves gathered in Cosy Lane at the top of the hill that leads down to the River Swere. They were there to acknowledge the installation of a seat, given by Sue in memory of her husband, John. There were brief words from Jim Flux, Chairman of the Parish Council, and Giles Goddard, John's son, and then members of the party walked down to Daeda's Wood. John was, among much else, one of the original Friends of Daeda's Wood and the seat, overlooking this area of the Parish, is a graceful tribute to his contribution to the village. (Ed.)

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GARDENING NOTES

Wonderful plants, Narcissi. So much colour and so little trouble. The varieties are infinite but I think the little ones like Tete-a-Tete are real winners in a garden. There are many of them, though this one seems to be the commercial favourite. Being short they don't get blown about, they don't crumple on a day of late snow, they start blooming early and last for ages. Another plus is that the foliage is not such an unruly mess once they have flowered. By now the Begonia tubers have been potted up and we are encouraging last year's Geraniums and Fuchsias to get going. Soon there will be that tiresome business of hardening them, carrying them in and out. I tried to skip that process one year: the results were disastrous.
I said something about Mr. Middleton last time. Looking again at his book on gardening (1934) I notice that he does not mention the word 'compost' once. There is no room in his garden plan for a compost heap or bin. He vaguely says that the soil is improved by humus, but his recipe for good plants is trench digging. "Get two foot down at least, soil needs air". That, and scattering lime all over everything whether you need it or not. No doubt he had very good results. Fashions change, in gardening as in everything else; I bet he never heard of a Wormery. I once thought of introducing one but Ralph declared that he would move out if he ever found one on the premises. **MARIANNE ELSLEY**

' .... advice is only good or bad as the event decides' (Jane Austen, 'Persuasion')
Some serious digging was called for because I wanted to get the onion sets and shallots in, so as mid-March arrived and the weather was relatively balmy a visit to the allotment was top of the agenda. The first morning I dug quite a bit, then the following morning decided to complete the section. The soil was heavy, having retained a lot of moisture from being covered with most of the heap of manure delivered back in November. "Just one more bit" I kept telling myself. Digging finished, I planted the onions and shallots. For the next week I was okay so long as I remained upstanding and I didn't drop anything - sitting was agony - we are all so good at giving advice but never take our own!
Welcome to our new allotmenteers, I shall not presume to give them any advice at all. There are plenty more plots available. Please do not be put off by the unkempt state of the ground. Some initial hard work is needed but it really is satisfying to see the crops growing. Chris Franklin tells me he plants onions next to his carrots to keep away the carrot fly, so this year I shall be trying yet again, using his suggestion or could it be called advice? **THELMA DOVER**

FIRE SERVICE

FIRE CALLS : 12 calls received since the last issue: 1 wheely bin on fire; 2 car fires; 1 road traffic accident; 2 chimney fires; 5 calls to stand by at other stations, This brings the total to 28 calls so far.
TRAINING : Both Martin Freeman and Rachel Lewis have passed their emergency fire appliance driving courses and can now drive to incidents. Jeremy Boulduc has passed his 'competency to ride' test and is now turning out on calls. Well done to all three.
As of 1 April, Andrew Hayward will have left us to live in Banbury. Andy joined us on 7 July 1992 and was a few months ago promoted to Leading Firefighter. We will be very sorry to lose him. Not only was he the longest serving member after myself but he was also responsible for the initial training of the new recruits. It also puts extra pressure on the rest of the personnel and the appliance cannot turn out without a junior officer. This in turn means that at the moment with Anne Waters on light duties only, I am the only junior officer. This means that every time I leave the village, the Fire Station is off the run until we can get someone trained up to a suitable standard.
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THE 50 TOP TUNES OF THE CENTURY - This item is being held over until the May issue when we'll publish a (frankly subjective and age-orientated !) final choice. Ed.

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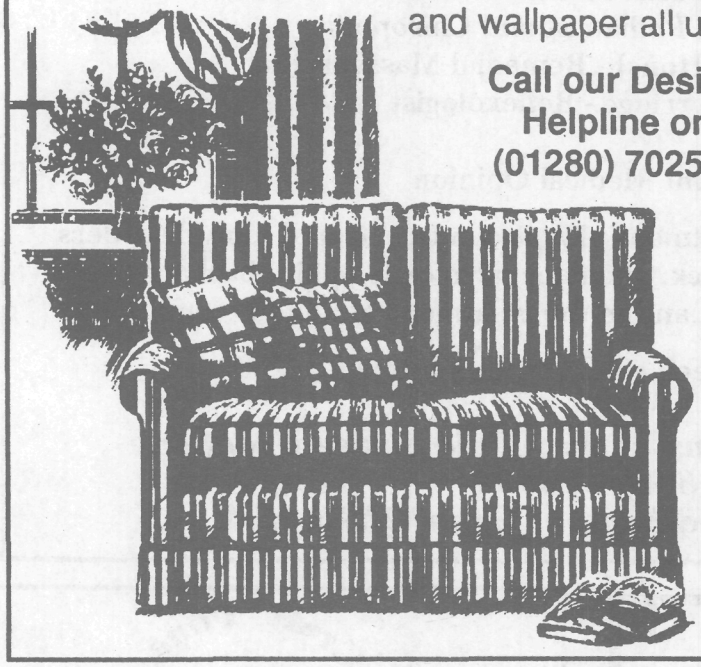

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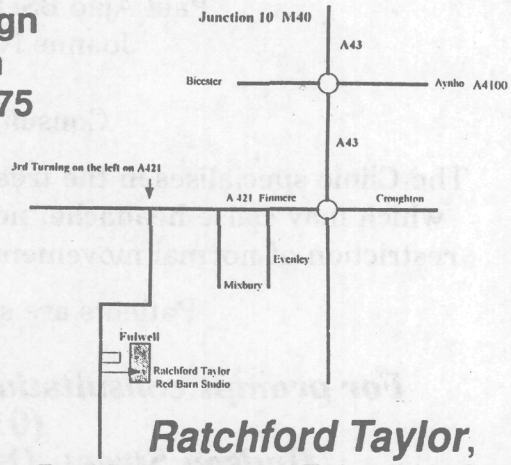

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FROM THE EDITOR'S POSTBAG

FROM JEAN RUDGE, NEW STREET, DEDDINGTON

Your readers may like to know about my recent efforts to preserve the nesting sites of swifts in the eaves of the Primary School. As noticed last year by Mr Fenemore, the numbers of swifts which can make such a beautiful sight as their flights wheel overhead, have been declining, with great impoverishment of what can be seen. The wire netting placed over the gutters has undoubtedly restricted access to the nesting sites and if this has been the reason for the fall in numbers, leaving it in place there can only make matters worse. I have therefore written to Mr Goringe, asking that the wire netting should be removed before this year's nesting season.

(**Peter Goringe** notes that the matter "has twice been discussed at Governors' Meetings and we are exploring how we might find a satisfactory solution." Ed.)

FROM ARTHUR LEWIS, CHAPMANS LANE, DEDDINGTON

I write to express my thanks to the members, residents and traders who have supported me during my Presidency of the British Legion in Deddington. I joined the local branch shortly after being demobilised in 1948, and served on the committee as Secretary, Service Secretary, Vice President and President. Having now completed 8 years as President, I feel it is time to hand over to someone younger in order to ensure continuity. Without the kind support from everyone we would have had no Harvest Festival, no club and, heaven forbid, no Remembrance Parade. One of the most satisfying parts of my service has been helping ex-service men and their dependents. Changes in government policy, British Legion policy, and in the circumstances of residents, have recently reduced the necessity for that role for your local branch. I have been honoured to be part of Deddington's branch of the Royal British Legion, and I send my good wishes to the members of the new committee who are doing their very best to ensure the continuation of the branch and the club.

FROM MICK MERRICK, 1 MURDOCK CLOSE, DEDDINGTON OX15 OUL

Can you believe it. After more than ten attempts, they pick this year to accept me. I am running in the London Marathon on Sunday, April 18. 1999. I am raising money for Deddington Cricket Club and the Maternity Unit of the Horton Hospital. I will accept any kind of pledge, by 'phone, letter, email or personal visit. If you can spare anything, however small, it will buy another weary footstep on the way !! Tel: 338876, email: mcmdedd@aol.com

FROM JOHN CRESSWELL, HOPCRAFT LANE, DEDDINGTON

Re your suggestion that the DN should contain more humour. I guess we'd all agree in principle. But you have to pack so much news into limited space and still find room for the occasional special (the visit to the War Graves or the Tolkien item) that it is easier said than done, I would think. For the discerning, there are flashes of humour in several of the sections. Perhaps you could reserve a third of a page each month for a humorous poem or article under the generic heading, The Lighter Side of Life. But what would it replace ?

FROM DAVID BLAKEY, CLERK TO THE PARISH COUNCIL, DEDDINGTON

The Parish Council has received several complaints about the use of the skip in Cosy Lane. Users are asked to respect the area and not leave items around the skip when full. It would also help if large items are broken down, or chopped up, so they take up less space, thus maximising the capacity of the skip.

(Pressure on space has meant that e-mail letters have had to be be held over until next month. Ed.)

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CELEBRATING THE MILLENNIUM in Deddington Clifton Hempton

All responses to the Millennium Survey Questionnaire have now been analysed. A summary of results is given on the blue insert in this issue and a detailed analysis will shortly be available on DOL at www.deddington.org.uk The insert also summarises the PC's Feb. 17 recommendations and lists those people have agreed to be members of the two Feasibility Working Groups: one to consider options for improving the usefulness of the Town Hall; the other to explore ways of ensuring the long-term stability and use of the Library. If you would like to be involved in the work of either of these groups please let me know asap. Details of the Open Meeting to discuss organising a Carnival, party for the elderly, bonfire night etc., will be in the next issue. The winner of the Questionnaire prize draw - lunch for two at the Deddington Arms - made at the PC Meeting, was Liz Reed. The Old Bakery, New Street.

CHARLES NEWEY 338282

Deddington Map Group

Leaflet no 4 in our Mapping the Millennium series is inside this issue. *The Countryside of the Parish of Deddington* focuses on wildlife in 4 very different areas • The Castle Grounds • Daeda's Wood • "George's Loop", Clifton • Hedgerows. The leaflet is of necessity highly selective, and we apologise if we have left out your favourite place. Even so, we have managed to include many examples of nature in all its living variety - insects, birds, mammals, trees, shrubs, herbaceous plants, ferns, hedges. As usual, we have had information, advice and help from many people. Special thanks to Ken Langstaff, Walter Meagher, Wendy Meagher, Sylvie Spenceley, Colin Robinson, Mary Robinson, Peter Terry and Jackie Williamson. Look out for the next in the series, on the farms & field names of the parish. We aim to issue this in the summer.

NORMAN STONE 338019

NEWS FROM CLIFTON

Every passing month brings us closer to the Millennium, and Mandy Harper is still keen to hear of ideas 'from Clifton for Clifton' to mark the occasion. Ring her with your suggestions on 337489. In the meantime, all Clifton residents are welcome to attend the annual general meeting of Clifton Residents' Group which will take place at the Duke of Cumberland's Head at 8pm on Tuesday 4 May. The evening's business will include a presentation about Neighbourhood Watch by Jayne Taylor from Banbury Police station. Villagers will also be asked to elect a new chairperson. If you have any items for the agenda, please pass them to the secretary, Louise Blount, as soon as possible. Don't forget Clifton is being entered for the Small Village category of the Britain in Bloom competition, which will be judged in July - let's all do our best to put Clifton on the bloomin' map!

JACKIE WILLIAMSON 337128

NEWS FROM HEMPTON

March brought the first wedding in St. John's Church, when Miss Tessa Montague married Mr. Raymond Faure. The Church was full with family and friends and was followed by a wedding lunch at Hopcrofts Hotel. The honeymoon is being spent in Austria and the couple will live in South Africa. The families thank everyone who turned out in the street, despite the weather, to support Tessa and Raymond on their special day.

The kitchen/toilet extension to the Church Hall will be opened by the Bishop of Oxford on 22 April at 7.00pm-7.30pm. There will be a short service followed by refreshments. All members of the congregation are invited.

On Saturday 24 April there will be an open afternoon at 2.30pm-4.30pm. This will be a 'pennies and plants' event with refreshments. If you have any spare copper it will be welcome, as much work is needed to the Church itself.

It is proposed by the Parish Council that Hempton should be included in this year's Britain in Bloom competition, to be judged in July. Deddington and Clifton are taking part. It will mean a big commitment from everyone to ensure that the village is looking its best. Cllr. Cosgrove (338342) would be interested to know what people think.

The Easter Service in St. John's Church will be on Easter Saturday at 11.30pm. Although this Service is very late at night let's hope for a good congregation as it is a very nice Service.

LES CHAPPELL 338054

DEDDINGTON DAY CARE - The AGM of the Deddington Day Care Management Committee will be on Thursday, June 3, Windmill Centre, 6 pm. All those interested will be extremely welcome. It is hoped that some minor modifications to the constitution will be approved at the meeting. If you know of anyone within the Parish who might benefit from attending the weekly Thursday sessions at the Windmill, or if you would like to know how the day is organised, please contact: Dawn Downing on 01869 338146.

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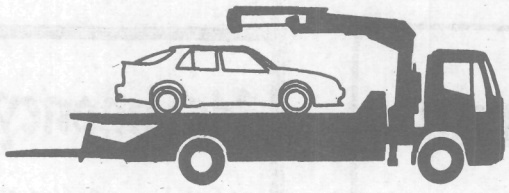

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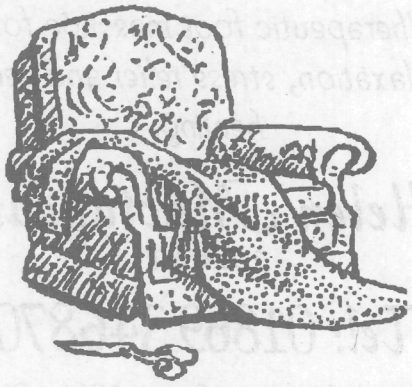

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Wed	12	Annual Parish Meeting, Windmill Centre, 7.30 pm.
Thu	13	Deddington History Society: J Howard-Drake, *Life in Elizabethan Oxfordshire*, Windmill , 7.30 pm.
Sat 15/Sun 16		Waste paper skip in schoolyard.
Sat	15	Monday Morning Club: Visit to Bletchley Park. Bus leaves Market Place at 10 am. (p 5)
Sat	15-23	North Oxfordshire Artweek. Opening Ceremony, Town Hall, 11 am. (p 3)
Tue	18	Deddington Players AGM, Windmill Centre, 8pm. (p 5)
Wed	19	Friendship Club: Line Dancing, Windmill Centre, 2,30 pm.
Wed	19	Parish Council AGM, Windmill Centre, 7.30 pm
Sat	22	Mobile Police Station in Market Place, 10 am – noon.

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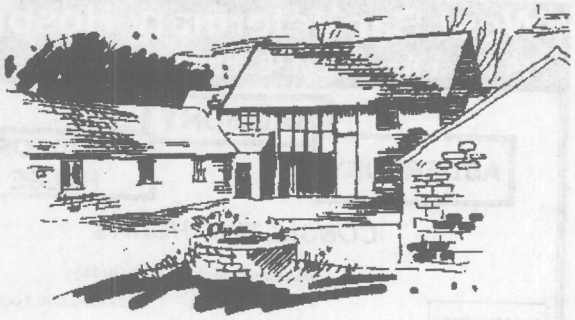

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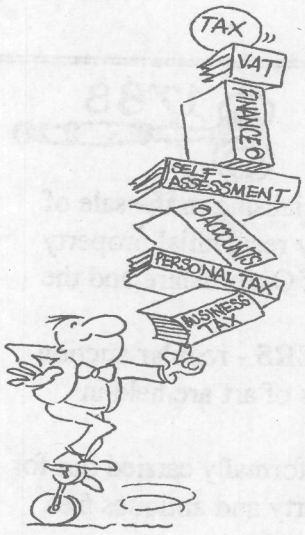

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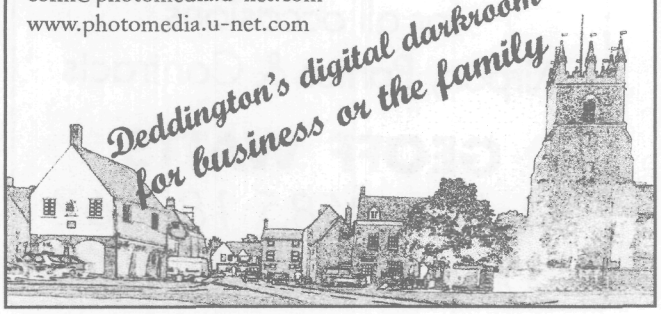

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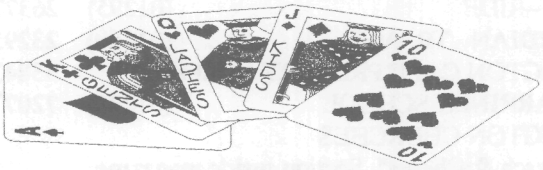

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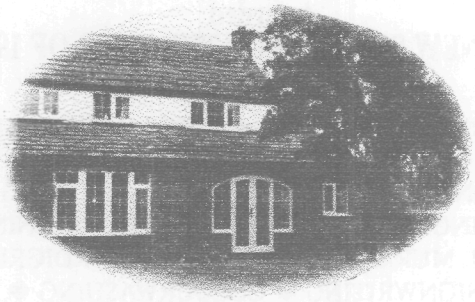

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